



UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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HOPETON A. FRANCIS,

Plaintiff,

- against -

CITY OF NEW YORK, POLICE OFFICER
EVELYN OROPEZAZUNIGA, AND
SERGEANT LUIS RODRIGUEZ,

Defendants. :
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18-CV-6468 (GBD) (RWL)

ORDER

ROBERT W. LEHRBURGER, United States Magistrate Judge.

In response to the Court's order at Dkt. 92, Plaintiff asks for a further extension of time to respond to discovery because he has "been having difficulty ... in part because [he is] certified disabled mentally and physically" and requires help understanding legal jargon. (Dkt.97.) Accordingly:

1. By September 16, 2021, Defendant shall mail to Plaintiff a copy of any interrogatories and discovery requests previously served and to which Plaintiff has not responded. By September 23, 2021, Defendant shall file proof of service of same.

3. Plaintiff shall fully respond to Defendants' discovery requests no later than October 15, 2021. Plaintiff's failure to comply may result in a recommendation to dismiss the case for failure to prosecute and as sanctions for failure to comply with the Court's orders and Plaintiff's discovery obligations, pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 37, and the Court's inherent powers.

4. The time to take depositions is extended to December 1, 2021. The time to complete fact discovery is extended to December 1, 2021. There will be no further extensions absent good cause.

5. Plaintiff states that he does not know what interrogatories are (Dkt. 97), even though they previously have been served on him. By way of explanation, Interrogatories are a formal set of written questions to which a party must respond with information unless there are grounds to object. The document is likely to contain the term “interrogatories” in its title and provide definitions and instructions.

SO ORDERED.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Lehrburger', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

ROBERT W. LEHRBURGER
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

Dated: September 13, 2021
New York, New York

Copies transmitted this date to all counsel of record. The Clerk's Office is directed to mail a copy of this Order to the pro se Plaintiff.